"WOMAN IN BLACK" TERRIFIES FOLKS **OUT RADNOR WAY**

Residents of Ithan Tell of Perilous Undertakings.

"A tall woman dressed in black, wearing a broad hat that shades her face and a man's overcost of a light hue." has had the inhabitants of Ithan, between Villanave and Radner, all stirred up for the

The mysterious presence descended upon peaceful Ithan a week ago last Tuesday. Jim Wilson, who works on the R. L. Montgoniery estate, on the top of the hill at Ithan, was coming home at a late hour and on the Spring Mill road, with the lights of Ithan in sight, when the woman, as described by all who have seen her, appeared, walked up beside him and peered into his face. Jim said trem

and percate the bilingity:

"What do you want of me?"

The woman did not sneak. Jim says he took one long breath and raced for home. The next night he told the tale in Postmaster William H. Cornog's store, where Radnor road and the old Lancaster pike cross. Not all of them take the tale of Wilson as a loke, but the postmaster and Wilson as a joke, but the postmaster and his assistant. Tryan Steel, affectionately known as "Shorty" from Villanova to St. David's, rather doubt it.

David's, rather doubt it.

However that may be, Edward Mullen, who works on the Hoffman estate, between Ithan and St. David's, had his experience, and he does not imbibe at all.

Last Saturday night he was coming along hat saturday night he was coming along that same Spring Mill road, when he heard light, hurried footsteps behind him. He looked back once, and coupled on his high gear. He had seen a woman in a black dress running. After a few minutes the footsteps ceased. Should Ed look back, or should he keep right on? He waited and then looked back. The road

waited and then looked back. The road was empty. There was not a sign of the woman. Then Mullen decided that he had seen a spiritual manifestation and left the neighborhood.

Enter Samuel Miller, who lives on top of the hill at Ithan. and Jess Whiteman, who lives at the foot of the hill. Last Monday night they went to Villanova to call on some friends, and after midnight they started home. Just before they came to the haunted place Sam said to Jess:

they came to the haunted place Sam said to Jess:

"Wouldn't you like to see that woman right this minute":

Jess had concluded a preliminary shudder, but had not had time to reply when right out of nowhere, in the road before them, appeared the woman. Sam Miller mays he had voice enough left to say to the mystery.

"Good evening, Mame."

There was no reply. The two friends

There was no reply. The two friends differ as to what followed. Jess Whiteman frankly says he ran. Mr. Miller says positively that he did not run. "But you rot to the postoffice as soon as I did,

saturday, on the Radnor road, where the houses are wide apart and one notices all who pass, there was seen a strangely veiled woman dressed in black. She did not have the man's overcoat. Mrs. Todd, who lives on Radnor road in sight of St. David's, allowed her maid to sight as the second to the woman. A woman in black was seen last Friday at Villa-hova and received help at several house-holds, but she seemed to be poor rather

Monday a passerby at Cornog's store chanced to remark that a woman inmate of the hospital at Norristown had escaped few days before. She was harmless, he

had heard.

The head gardener on the Hoffman estate investigated Mullen's story and found that a woman living on Spring Mill road, at just the time that Mullen saw his apparition, had started from home to eatch a train and was running. When she got to the top of the hill she saw the train pulling into the station and turned back. She remembered noting the hurrled steps of a man ahead of her. There has been no accounting thus far for the experience of the other three men.

Flood of Dollars

for the Poor

Continued from Page One tribute for the relief of the unemployed will not be forthcoming. But the response must be steady and continue throughout the day Between 8 and 11:30 o'clock this morning

\$15,000 were collected. A few minutes after b the postman had come in with more than \$200 letters. Not before noon, at least, will the amount contained in these letters be known. A special corps of a score of workers is employed in counting the contributions sent in by mail and brought in by men, women and children who are isolous and eager to sacrifice something for the relief of their less for-tunate fellow being. Shortly after a o'clock Mr. E. T. Stotesbury was asked to send an extra force of his clerks to A large number of society men and wamen and a number of women from the

Wanamaker store who are giving up their Wanamaker store who are giving up their day of rest to assist in the work are on hami at the headquarters of the Emergency Aid Committee, helping in the work. The Wanamaker Boys' Buyle Corps are also on hand, stirring Broad street with the sounds of their buyles, rousing the massraby to their duty of self-sacrifice. The contributions are coming in under the strains of the reveille, the "President's March" and "True to the Colors," rendered by the boys of the corps.

The women from the store who are The women from the store who are assisting in the work are Miss Theodora Knox Mrs. Nellie Maleon, Miss C. F. Parsons, Miss Margaret Rattigan, Miss C. M. MacFeeley, Miss Elizabeth McLoughlin, Miss L. Yetter, Miss M. R. Boyd. The Clashorn School sent three carticads of clothing us the contribution of the punils on Belf-Sacrifice Day.

It was announced abortly after 10 octock that Sacrific Day would be continued indefinitely until the desired sum of 110,000 is collected. The office of the Emergency Ald Committee will also be open on Sunday to receive contributions.

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One hundred and twenty-five dollars and forty-five cents was the contribution collected at the Wannmaker Store bowls between 5 and 10 a. m. and sent to the headquayters in the Lincoln Building.

The supployee of Ventura Bianco contributed \$50.

N. H. Donner. N. R. Donner. Secretarit Commander A. W. Johnson, the destroyer Downes, gave a file con-

BUIGHT FIRE CAUSES ALARM

Blace to Basement of Widener Build-

ing Excites Relief Workers. the pouring from the basement of Widener Huilding, new in the course materialism, this afternoon caused exact among parsons crowding into party one Ald Headquarters, in the Uniding, adjoining. The "Helf flow Day" through the buildings on Are and agreed thousand

melo san count by a slight blaze inter's alog in the bearment of these Britishing Pleasten respond-a local along near put it out. our delayes for about 10 minutes. SUFFRAGISTS VAINLY TRY TO DECORATE LINCOLN STATUE

SUFFRAGISTS DISAPPOINTED

Park Guards Forbid Placing of Wreath on Lincoln Statue.

Disappointment filled the hearts of 10 omen suffragists of the 6th Legislative District who went to Fairmount Park today to place a wreath on the monument of Abraham Lincoln, near the Green Spiritual Manifestation street entrance of the park. Park guards That Makes Night Strolls them from performing the ceremony on not grant the permit. The ald of Ely K. Price, chairman of the Park Commission, then was sought, but he could not be located.



Members of the Woman Suffrage Party today vi ted Fairmount Park for the purpose of honoring the memory of Lincoln with a wreath, but encoun ared unexpected opposition from a guard, who informed them they could not do so without permis ion from the Park Department, and this they did

"Transit Tax Plan Valid"—Johnson

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though the determination of it is not essential, in view of the undoubted borrowing capacity of the city, based upon the valuation of real property alone. Cur reason for now passing upon the question is, as was said by the Chief Justice, at the argument, that it is sure to arise in the near future, and until it is finally settled. near future, and until it is finally settled, neither the city authorities nor the voters at an election for the increase of loans, nor the purchasers of city bonds, can act with certainty. The last assessed valuation of personal property preceding February 21, 1914, was \$571,539,552.75, and the authority of the city to make it part of the basis of its borrowing capacity is found in the act of June 17, 1913, P. L. 507: but it is said, though not argued with 507; but it is said, though not argued with much seriousness, that the act of 1913 is unconstitutional."

'After discussing the question of constitutionality, the Chief Justice adds: 'We now declare it to be valid legislation

"It is simply impossible, after reading these words, intelligently, to believe that the Chief Justice was uttering a dictum and was not expressing the opinion of the court-the unanimous opinion, because of the dissent of Justice Eikin was upon an entirely different point.
"The matter was a public one, which it

was essential should be set at rest in order that the public might act intellisently. The parties before the court were sufficient to enable it to pass upon the question which had been argued and which, sooner or later, must be decided.
"It is not for me to say that what the

court did was proper; but I think no one can reach any other conclusion than that the public interests demanded such an announcement of the opinion of the court

"In my judgment, the syllabus prepared by the reporter of the court expresses its decision, and not an obiter dictum.

decision, and not an obiter dictum.

"The act of June 17, 1913 (P. L. 507), imposing taxes upon certain classes of personal property for city and county purposes in cities coextensive with counties is constitutional. It is not in violation of Article iii, Section 3, of the Constitution, providing that "no bill except stitution, providing that "no bill except general appropriation bills shall be passed containing more than one subject. which shall be clearly expressed in its The provisions of said act of June 17.

1913 (P. L. 507) are effective to increase the borrowing capacity of the city of Philadelphia by 7 per centum of the last assessed valuation of personal property preceding the date of the loan.

"I think it may be taken as finally set-tled that the assessed valuation of per-sonal property does form part of the basis of the borrowing capacity of a unty or city coterminous with the

"JOHN G. JOHNSON. "12th February, 1915."

Members of business organizations, civic bodies and all other leaders in the fight for real rapid transit for Philadelphia for real rapid transit for Philadelphia were jubliant today over the transit victory at the hearing before the Senatorial Committee on Munit.pal Affairs yesterday. Philadelphia, it was remarked, was now pledsed to a definite program of transit development.

The political plans to block all progress on the transit plans were awept aside at every turn yesterday through the answers and arguments of Director Taylor and Director Norris. It is the general

and Director Norris. It is the general belief today that there is now little danger that the obstructionists may resort to new underground tactics to continue the period of inaction and delay. With John P. Conneily, chairman of the

Finance Committee, now on record in favor of rapid transit and Charles Seger, chairman of the Subcommittee on Fi-nance, piedged to report favorably at the next meeting of Councils the ordinance providing for a special election to vote on the initial transit loan, it was said, a beginning now symmed assured, and an Annii absolute initiat certain.

a beginning now seamed assured, and an April election almost certain.

The declaration of Senator Vare for speedy action and for the prompt passage of the pending constitutional amendment providing for a 3 per cent. Increase in the city's borrowing capacity for transit and port development was falled with great enfilmaism throughout the city. While it had been believed for some time that Senator Vare was with Director Taylor in the fight, he had declined to commit itemself until yearerday.

The coincidence between the proposal made by Senator Vare to give Director Taylor 55,000,000 of the proposal stage of the silvestor of the

Taylor to accept even \$6,000,000 at the present time came as a blow to the opposition forces.

The only condition attached to Director Taylor's proposal to accept \$5,000,000 in-stead of \$30,000,000 was that the pending constitutional amendment be passed as it now stands instead of being further amended, as proposed by Senator Mc-Nichol. Senator Vare, as chairman of the State Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs, which now has the amendment under consideration, pledged himself to

ander consideration, pledged himself to see that this was done.

As there is little doubt of the constitutionality of the act, an election in April to authorize the flotation of a \$5,000,000 transit loan is now virtually assured. Council's Finance Committee, through Charles Seger, chairman of the subcommittee, is pledged to report foverpling. mittee, is pledged to report favorably the ordinances making the election pos-sible. The poli taken by the EVENING LEDGER of December 14 shows that the majority of Councilmen in both chambers favors the passage of the ordinances when they are reported out of committee and come before them at the meeting next Thursday.

With a special election in April the work on the subway and elevated lines can be actually begun July 1, as has been advocated by Director Taylor for months. The \$5,000,000 will be ample to continue the work to the end of this year. The successful passage of the constitu-

tional amendment increasing the city's borrowing capacity by 3 per cent. for transit and port development can place that question before the people at the No-The \$60,000,000 thus provided for the com-

pletion of the work can be made available by Councils before the beginning of 1916.

ROBIN HERALDS SPRING

So Does a Butterfly at Newton, New

A robin and a butterfly have announced the coming of spring. The robin made the announcement in Altoona, where the P. R. R. car shops are, and its harmonious notes were welcome to the men who sling the sledges in the anvil chorus who sling the sledges in the anvil chorus of industry. The robin, to be exact, chirped its optimism from a clump of bushes at the foot of a mountain. Its message was not like the song of spring which we hear gurgled at drawing room musicales by diszy sopranos. The bird announced definitely with half a syllable that spring was coming.

And the sympathetic note ran all the way to Newton, N. J. where the butterfly

way to Newton, N. J., where the butterfly was discovered. The butterfly was caught by Francis Rowett, 223 Spring street. It is significant, too, that the butterfly should select such a street in such a pretty place as Newton.

Senate Passes Constitutional Amend-

the constitutional prohibition amendment and sent it to the House, where it is expected to pass by an equally big majority.

"I don' lub dat woman nohow." Edward Nelson glared defiantly at Bessie McKee, in the 19th and Oxford streets station. Bessie became indignant. "But yo did," she shouted, "one time."

"Dat was a mis-compre-hen-shun," said

But at this point Magistrate Morris contended that a review of the romance

was irrelevant.

Nelson said that Bessie approached him on Ridge avenue, poked a revolver under his nose and told him to keen from her. He declared he never intended

from her. He declared he never intended going near Bessle, but on receiving such an "unusual salutashin," he followed her. It appears that Bessle did not appreciate the esplonage and again turned on Nelson. He was looking into the barrel of the revolver dublously when Policeman Plumber arrived. Bessle said there was "a long story a comin," but the Magistrate interrupted it by holding her in \$1400 bail.

A good pair of shoes protruding from an iron pipe at 23d and Tasker streets at-tracted the attention of Turnkey Grugan. Thinking they would come in handy for some "hobo" who came to the station house, Grugan attempted to pick the shoes up and found that there was a man already in them.

He dragged the shoes and man from the pipe and looked into the face of a stranger with shabby clothes and an Important moustache.
"Any law against sleeping?" asked the

'No, but you better come to the stasaid the turnkey;

Well, that wouldn't matter much," said Grugan, "for you would so anyon". "The stranger looked at Grugan and be-When he was brought before the

geant at the 20th and Federal streets station, he shock the dust from his clothes and twirled his mustache. hear of Sylvester Green?" he i didn't," replied the sergeant. k at him," said the stranger, stand-

ing erect.

The sergeant looked him over, but did not appear to be especially thrilled by the man's uppearance.

"What is the charge?"

"Ab, that's it," said Gress, "sleeping in a pine."

"Ah, that's it," said Green, "sleeping in a pine."

It was then impressed upon the prisoner's mind that he was arrested for his own safety. It shally dawned upon him that if it had not been for Urugan he might have from to death.

"That's true." Green agreed. "I applogize, but whither can I go?"

"The matter was discussed with Mugia-

Jersey.

PROHIBITION IN IOWA

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 12.—By a vote of 39 to 10 the State Senate today passed Before the people can vote on the ques-

tion the next Legislature must take simi-

Trate Briggs, who gave the prisoner home for 30 days in the House of Correc An uncontrollable thirst has brought

unhappiness to William Tongue. When he wants a drink he can overcome almost all obstacles to get it. As a rule, he don't have the money, and for this he blames the world in general. He was in an indignant mood today, and his temper was not improved when he went home and found his wife washing. The woman was too busy to listen to his harangue, and, to show his contempt, he threw her on the floor and emptied a tub of water and wet clothes on her.

While she was shouting for help. Tongue gathered up the wash and went out on the street to sell it, the police say. When

two or three women expressed their opinions of Tongue, he shied wet towels at them and they criticised behind closed Tongue, who doesn't belle his name,

was calling upon the populace to come and face him when Policeman Lahr hap-pened along. He selzed Tongue by the neck and ran him to the Frankford police

On the way there the prisoner threw the wash in the street. But there was still plenty of evidence against him. While searching Tongue the police found one of his wife's skirts under his coat and other wearing apparel stuffed in his ockets. When Tongue's wife arrived at the sta

when Tongue's with arrived at the sta-tion house he immediately pleaded with her to obtain his release. But she real-ized that his presence at home would only mean more trouble in a few hours and she refused to relent. He was sent to the House of Correction for three 'What if I should refuse?" suggested

> "I refuse to commit suicide and I re-fuse to starve to death." This startling announcement was made by a ragged man at Belgrade and Clear-field streets. He shouted at several po-licemen who passed him. When no one paid any attention to him he became desperate and followed a cop for half a block.

> you looking for excitement," asked the policeman. "I'm simply stating my rights," said

Well, what are you going to do about

"Well, what are you going to it?" said the cop.
"I'm going to have satisfaction."
"Well, rou'll get it."
At the station brose the man said his name was John Dos. He was sent to the House of Correction for 30 days.
"I win he said set going to a cell.

VICE PRESIDENT BREAKS TIE; SHIP BILL DISPLACED

His Vote Ends Sharp Parliamentary Battle in Senate-Closure Now the Is-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-After a sharp washington, reb. 12 - After a sharp parliamentary strusgle this afternoon and a desperate attempt, led by Senator Reed, to force a closure rule which would compel a vote on the ship purchase bill, the Senate displaced the ship purchase measure as the unfinished business and proceeded to the question of adopting a closure rule. As a result the Senate is confronted with a protracted debate and a fillbuster over whether it shall adopt closure. The ship purchase bill being displaced as

the unfinished business, it is a question whether it can be replaced this session. The specific question now before the Senate, in effect, is whether to adopt the plan of Senator Reed fixing February 19 as the date for voting on the ship pur-chase bill. Senator Norris has offered an amendment which raises the question of adopting a general rule on the sub-ject of closure for limitation of debate. The battle over the adoption of the Reed motion to fix the date for voting on ship purchase broke out suddenly and unexpectedly a little before 2 o'clock. It

went on amid tense excitement.

The Republicans were all but caught napping at 2 o'clock when the unfinished business, which was the ship-purchase bill, was in order. Senator Reed, how-ever, moved to take up further the question of rules. He did not at first per-ceive that the effect of this would be to displace the unfinished business. After consultation in hurried fashion with some of the leaders on the Democratic side he pressed his motion to take up the rules question and it was carried, 47 to 47 plus the affirmative vote of the Vice President, whose ballot settled the tie.

REED STARTS SHARP FIGHT. The struggle precipitated by Senator Reed was one of the hottest parliamentary fights the Senate has seen for many months. He moved shortly before o'clock to adopt his resolution fixing February 19 to vote on ship purchase before the Republican leaders had fairly awakened. Senator Gallinger quickly moved to refer the Reed proposition to the Rules Committee. Reed moved to table. The Reed motion was lost, 45 to 46. Senator Kenyon voted with the Repub-licans and Senators Norris and La Fol-

lette with the Democrats. Reed then moved to amend the Gallin-ger motion to refer to the Rules Committee so as to provide for reference to the Finance Committee. He said the Rules Committee was opposed to any change in the rules limiting debate. Gal-linger moved to lay the aniendment on the table. Bryan, of Florida, raised the point that it was not in order to offer an amendment to the motion to refer to the Rules Committee. The Vice Presi-

dent sustained the point.

Reed then moved to instruct the Rules Committee to report back his proposition forthwith and without amendment. Gal-linger moved to table. This was carried apparently by 47 to 46. The Gallinger motion to refer to the

Rules Committee was then voted on, but in the midst of it Senator Reed chal-lenged the proceedings on the ground that there had been an error in the an-nouncement of the result on the Gallinger motion to table.

ger motion to table.

After a short wrangle Senator Reed gained his point, and it was found that the motion to table had resulted in a vote of 46 to 46. It had been announced 47 to 46 through an error.

The Vice President announced that the Callinger region to table was lost. Sen.

Gallinger motion to table was lost. Sen-ator Reed then asked that the subse-quent proceedings be expunged, and this was agreed to. was agreed to.

By this time 2 o'clock had arrived, and
Fletcher asked to lay aside temporarily
the unfinished business. This was ob-

the morning hour so as to make up for the time lost through the error in the wrong announcement of the rollcall, Gal-Senator Reed was undecided for a few

minutes, but finally moved to take up the question relating to the rules and ordering a vote on February 19. His mo-tion finally prevailed, 47 to 47, which was broken by the affirmative vote of Vice-President Marshall.

This brought before the Senate once

more the question of adopting the Reed amendment to the Gallinger motion to instruct the Rules Committee to report forthwith the Reed resolution fixing February 19 as the date to vote on the ship purchase. Lodge raised the point that the question was debatable and gained his Thus the whole question raised by Reed

use, a copy of the Constitution and other was thrown open to debate, and Norris offered an amendment to the Reed amend-ment for a general rule on closure. Senwhen Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg ator Stone protested against this, but Senator Norris said he was convinced occasion was especially observed in the negro schools and churches, where the emancipator of the race was lauded in ship purchase could not pass, and believed the adoption of a general closure more important. La Follette took the floor to make 800 ATTEND LINCOLN

speech on his peace resolution.

City Observes Lincoln Anniversary

Continued from Page One but 33 stars in the flag, to 48 today. He said the nation then had a population of but 31,500,000, compared to 100,000,000 at the

"Billy" Sunday will preach a special sermon today to G. A. R. men at the tabernacie. Five thousand seats have been reserved for the veterans. Members of the Philadelphia Associa-tion of Naval Volunteers will gather to-night at Dooner's Hotel for their annual sanquet. Speeches will be made by many

prominent men.
At Lu Lu Temple the "Dollar Dinner" of the Washington Party City Committee will be held. Society will be represented at the card party and dance of the Stone Harbor Yacht Club, which will be held tonight at the Hotel Adelphia.

at the Hotel Adelphia.

Girard College held special exercises in the chapel this morning. The concert and ball of the Caledonian Ciub will be held tonight at Turngemeinde Hall, Broad street and Columbia avenue.

CORNERSTONE OF LINCOLN MEMORIAL LAID TODAY WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.-The laying of

he cornerstone of the Lincoln Memorial in Potomac Park, special exercises in all schools, and sessions by the Grand Army of the Republic and other patriotic organizations today marked the observance in the national capital of the 106th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln J. C. S. Blackburn, resident member of the Memorial Commission, and Col.
W. W. Harta represented the Government at the cornerstone laying. Placed
in the stone were documents bearing the
algustures of the members of the flixtythird Congress, an autobiography of the
War President, presented by Robert Todd
I Incoln; specimens of the currency now

INDEPENDENCE HALL INSPIRED FAMOUS LINCOLN ADDRESS

Words of Patriotism Uttered by Emancipator in Philadelphia 54 Years Ago Still Recalled.

Received With Great Outburst of Enthusiasm, President-elect Then Defined His Lofty Politi-

He wasn't born here, nor did he ever live here-the great man, the 106th anniversary of whose birth is celebrated teday-and yet to Pennsylvania belongs the enviable distinction of having been the place where two of the greatest speeches of one of the greatest of all speechmakers, Abraham Lincoln, were made.

The one was, of course, at Gettysburg, but the other was made right here in Philadelphia, when, passing through from Buffalo to Washington on his way to be inaugurated, he was invited to stop off on Washington's Birthday in 1861 to raise the new flag over Independence Hall, with its 34 stars, the 34th representing the newly admitted State, Kan-Many Philadelphians who were little

girls and boys then had the occasion imcressed upon their minds with never-toe-forgotten vivianess, which will make them carry the memory of it to their graves. Roused to a feverish pitch of excitement by the heralded coming of the man of the hour, the citizens of this town got out of their beds long before the sun

forth to seek advantageous positions to watch the passing of the President-elect. WELCOMED BY ENTHUSIASTS. To read the accounts of his arrival in the depot from Trenton, where a representative delegation of Father Penn's citizens went to meet him, is like reading a modern description of the coming of "Billy" Sunday. Thousands of enthusi-asts thronged all the avenues leading to

had risen over the Delaware and hurried

"All my political warfare has been in favor of the teachings that came forth from the sacred walls of Independence Hall. May my right hand forget its cunning and my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I ever prove false to these teachings."—From Lincoln's Philadelphia address.

the station, and the traffic of the day Flags hung from public buildings and from private residences, and an evergreen arch gally decorated had been erected at 15th street near Chestnut. In a barouche, drawn by four white horses and escorted by a guard of police posted on the flanks of the carriage, Lincoln, accompanied by the chairman of the com-mittee of Councils and the presidents of Select and Common Councils, stood bars-

headed virtually all the time, bowing to

the cheering populace.

When the procession reached 9th When the procession reached 9th and Chestnut streets the offorts of the platoon of police, who had been stationed around the Continental Hotel, where quarters were reserved for Lincoln, to keep the crowds in abeyance, were unavailins, and it was found necessary to bar all of the doors to the hotel and keep an officer at each to prevent the thousands from surging into the place and awamping it. each to prevent the thousands from surging into the place and swamping it.

The procession to independence Hail, then known as the State House, was even more frenzied. A solid mass of humanity blocked the way, and wherever there was standing or sitting roem, on window sills, on roofs, in the treetops and along the curb, there were eager Philadelphians walting to look on the face of the great man.

CHEERS FOR GREAT MAN.

On entering the hall, Lincoln was received by Theodore Cuyler, president of Select Council. After inspecting the relica there the President-elect was taken to the platform in front of the building. A bronze tablet in the pavement now marks the spot. His appearance brought forth cheers so prolonged that there could be

no doubt of the reverence and esteem in which Lincoln was held here.

The flag was rolled into a ball, so that when it reached the top of the staff it would gradually unfurl in the breeze.

Drawn up in front of the platform was the famous could be controlled the country of the platform. Drawn up in front of the platform was the famous scott Legion. Lincoln, dressed in the customa-y black, put out his hand and a silence fell on the crowd. He then delivered en extemporaneous speech, the simplicity and sincerity of which will never be forgotten as long as patriotism continues to burn in the hearts of Americans.

of the gentlemen present will expect me to respond to the very eloquent address with which you have just honored me, but in the position which I hold as President of the United States and candidate for re-election to that high office, I think

it becoming that I should not address any political assemblage.'
"Dougherty," continued the Captain, smiling at the picture he must have made, "drew back about 10 feet and said

made, arew back about to reet and said impressively:

"No, Mr. President, not a political assemblage, merely a loyal one."

"Whereupon Lincoln replied:

"Well, Mr. Dougherty, if you'll permit me, I'll stand by my resolution as

"And so," continued the Captain, "al-

though Lincoln graced the luncheon with

his presence he did not make a speech, for which I've always respected him, for

it seems to me that when a man has served his country for four years as

Lincoln had done it is beneath his dignity

to go around begging for a re-election

first expressed."

CAPTAIN MEIGS RECALLS TWO VISITS OF LINCOLN

Captain S. Emlen Meigs, one of Phila- | of the gentlemen present will expect me delphia's most ardent admirers of Lincoln, remembers distinctly the visit which he as President made here at the time of the big Sanitary Fair held in Logan Square in 1864.

Lincoln had been scheduled to be pres-

ent at the opening exercises of the fair, but because of affairs of state was unable to get away from Washington and deputed Bishop Simpson to act as his representative. Later on in the summer he came, and it was on this occasion that he was the guest of honor at a luncheon at the Union League, which was then only two years old. Surrounded by many tokens and me-

Surrounded by many tokens and mementogs of the war and of Lincoln at his home. 1524 Chestnut street. Captain Meigs talks interestingly of the man who was responsible for the political conversion of his father. Dr. Charles D. Meigs, who, before the coming of the President to this city, had always been a violent opponent of Lincoln's principles. "The Union League," said Captain Meigs, reminiscently, "occupied the spacious Kuhn mansion then, which was on Chestnut street between 11th and 12th,

Chestnut street between 11th and 12th, where Keith's Theatre now stands.
"After the invitation to the reception and luncheon had been issued and accepted, the officers of the League ap-pointed a delegation of its members to go to Logan Square and accompany Lin-

"But Lincoln always hated escorts, and so before they could get to him, he had started and came down by himself by way of an unfrequented side street and reached the Essague alone. The appointed orator being absent up at the fair grounds hunting for the distinguished grounds hunting for the distinguished guest, the members who were present, to the number of about 300, then selected Daniel Dougherty, so-called sliver-tengued orator of the League, to deliver the address of welcome.

"Lincoln stood up, 6 feet 4 inches high, and nettently endured the storm of words."

and patiently endured the storm of words of the orator, who took nearly 30 min-utes to tell the guest he was welcome. Finally he ceased, and Lincoln said: "'Well, Mr. Dougherty, I presume some

Members of Congress who were present

DINNER AT SPRINGFIELD

Lincoln Banquet at Y. M. C. A.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH TAGGART

speech spoke at the Capitol today.

speech and song.

Association.

Let the people give it to him, which they will do if there's a man like Lincoln for a candidate." The political conversion of Doctor Meigs was effected at the time of Lin-

coln's visit here in 1861 "The old gentleman," said the Captain, his son smiling at the recollection, "was always a violent Democrat and thought with many others that Lincoln was ruin-ing the country. However, knowing that he was to pass by his house on the way to Independence Hall, he stationed him-self at his window to have a look at the

monster. "In a barouche, drawn by four horses, he saw Lincoln, bowing to the right and the left of him, acknowledging the salutes of the citizens lined on either side of the street with such dignity and impressiveness that when the President had passed my father turned to my mother and said with moistened eyes:
"'My dear, I've looked in the face of a

great and good man."
"And he was a Lincoln enthusiast ever after that," said Captain Meigs, "just as thousands of others were, converted simply by looking at the face of the man."

SAMUEL T. PICKARD

AMESBURY, Mass., Feb. 12. - Samuel T. Pickard, biographer and literary executor of John Greenleaf Whittier, the poet, died at the Whittier homestead to-day, aged 87. His wife, who was Elliabeth Whittier, a niece of the post, ded several years ago. Pickard for many years was owner and editor of the Port-land Transcript.

THE WEATHER

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.-Leading Official Forecast men came here from the East and West today and joined in celebrating the birth-day of Abraham Lincoln. Elight hundred persons were scated at tables in the State WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. For eastern Pennsylvania-Local rains this afternoon or tonight; colder in north portion tonight; Saturday unsettled; fresh Arsenal when Governor Dunne, as toast-master, opened the dinner. The speakers were the Rt. Rev. John J.

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west winds.

The temperatures have continued to rise in the Atlantic States and the Ohiovalley during the last 24 hours, the change being greatest in New England. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis; Blahop Fallows and Judge K. M. Landis, of Chi-cago, and Gutzon Borgium, of New York, They were emertained during their stay This rise has brought about seasonable here by United States Judge J. Otis Humphrey, president of the Centennial conditions in the South Atlantic States, while there is an excess of about 20 degrees throughout the northeastern por-tion of the country. A slight reaction to cooler is reported from the Lake region; but the temperatures are still about 20 degrees above the normal. Mild con-ditions prevail throughout the central valleys and in the plains States. Clouds ness has increased over the Eastern por-tion of the country and light rains are reported from the lower Lake region

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Lincoln Banquet at Y. M. C. A.

A banquet in honor of Lincoln's birthday will be given tonight at the West
Branch Y. M. C. A., 52d and Sansom
streets. Cheeseman A: Herrick, president of Girard College, and ex-Congressman George H. White will be among the
speakers. A program of music and addresses has been arranged and several
hundred guests are expected. William
H. Crown, secretary of the West Branch,
will be tokalmaster. Frank D. Getty,
social service secretary, will relate a
number of little-known anecdoes dealing
with the life and personality of Lincoln. Lincoln as "Perfect Building" "Abraham Lincon as the Embodiment of a Perfect Building." was the subject of the Rev. Samuel Johnson's address be-fore the Business Science Club at thein luncheon held this afternoon at the Bello-vue-Stratford. E. J. Cattell, the city statistician, also addressed the club.

Captain Joseph Taggart, 54 years old, a veteran officer of the Civil War, who retired several years ago as a drygoods merchant, died today at his home, 732 Vernon road, Stenton, following a long liness. He fought with Company G. Pennsylvania Reserves, as second limitenant, and all the close of the war was made captain. He haves a see and a daughter. He was a member of the G. A. H. Fost 191